U.S. History Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Vietnam War: Background Notes**

1. What was the history of French involvement in Vietnam?
2. In 1954, after the French withdrew from Vietnam, how was the country divided?

North Vietnam

Type of government:

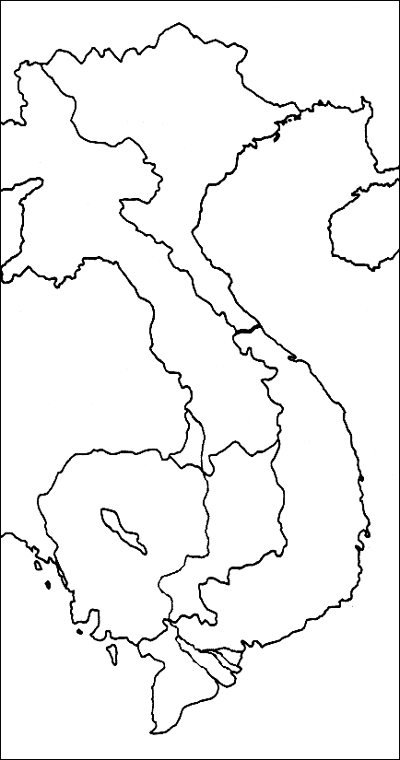
Leader:

Military forces fighting on this side:

South Vietnam

Type of government:

Military forces fighting on this side:



1. How did the Cold War lead to U.S. interest in Vietnam?
2. What was the **domino theory**?
3. How did President Eisenhower contribute to U.S. intervention in Vietnam?
4. How did President Kennedy contribute to U.S. intervention in Vietnam?
5. Initially, President Johnson was hesitant to attack North Vietnam, fearing that that could lead to war with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What incident led to dramatically increased U.S. military intervention in Vietnam? What happened in that incident? How did the U.S. government respond?
7. How did the number of American’s military personnel serving in Vietnam change from 1964 to 1968?
8. Describe a typical American soldier in Vietnam.
9. What were four challenges the U.S. faced in Vietnam?
10. The United States government stated that were fighting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Vietnam, but the Vietnamese were actually fighting for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.